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IISRP Expands Nomenclature for Non-Labeled Oil Elastomers

Houston, TX USA 10 November 2008— The International Institute of Synthetic Rubber Producers, Inc. (IISRP) announced the expansion of its numbering nomenclature system for non-labeled oil elastomers.

The IISRP member companies in Europe initiated the development of SBR grades using non-labeled oil in their mixes more than ten years ago. “This was an effort conducted under the auspices of the IISRP given the potentially competitive nature of the project,” noted James L McGraw, Managing Director & CEO of the IISRP. “Through the oversight of the IISRP, four new grades were added; two using T-DAE oil and two using MES oil,” he added.

Given the global nature of the industry, the European ban on labeled oils spread to other regions including the Americas and Asia. The IISRP’s Technical Committees in each of their regions have worked to expand the numbering system for use of RAE, naphtenic, heavy naphtenic and other undefined oils.

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The IISRP is an international not-for-profit trade association with corporate members, domiciled in 21 countries, who produce 90 percent of the world's supply of synthetic rubber. Incorporated in 1960 and headquartered in Houston, Texas, the Institute supports section offices in Milan and Tokyo.